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1. THE US CONFIRMS THE AVAILABILITY OF RAMSTEIN AIR BASE AS A SITE FOR HEADQUARTERS AAFCE. WE ARE EXAMINING WHICH US SUPPORT FACILITIES AND SERVICES, UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS, CAN BE OFFERED FOR HEADQUARTERS AAFCE AT RAMSTEIN. THE COSTS AND ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE SIMILAR TO THOSE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN USAF AND 4ATAF AND USAF AND NATIONAL SUPPORT UNITS IN THE RAMSTEIN AREA.

2. THE DESIGNATED AIR COMMANDER'S STUDY OF THE LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS AAFCE, TO INCLUDE MILITARY MERITS AND FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS, IS DUE TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE BY MID-FEBRUARY. TO FACILITATE HIS TIMELY RESPONSE WE RECOMMEND THAT COMAAFCE OBTAIN COST ESTIMATES FOR RAMSTEIN FROM HEADQUARTERS USAF. WE SHALL PROVIDE ESTIMATES OF THE COST OF MOVING US UNITS FROM HAMMOND BARRACKS (HQ CENTAG) TO ACCOMMODATE 4ATAF. WE FEEL THESE TRANSFER EXPENSES SHOULD BE REIMBURSED BY NATO.

3. SPECIFIC DETAILS OF USE AND COST WOULD BE NEGOTIATED BY

USAF AS THE US AGENT SHOULD NATO CHOOSE TO ESTABLISH HEADQUARTERS AAFCE AT RAMSTEIN. YOU CAN EXPECT OUR RESPONSE BY FEBRUARY 1.

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